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New Community Household Waste Site—B & B Skips Ltd Ellough Industrial Estate, Anson Way, Ellough, Beccles NR34 7TL

Beccles residents, who thought they may have to drive further to dispose of their waste when the town's household waste recycling centre closed at the end of October, now have a choice of places to go.

B & B Skips is running a six-month trial of a charging scheme to provide a more local service for those who don't want to drive to the free site at Hadenham Road in Lowestoft.

The Beccles Community Recycling Centre can be found on the Beccles Business Park, Anson Way, Ellough, Beccles NR34 7TL.

The site is open from 9am-4pm Mondays to Fridays and 10am to 4pm at weekends and Bank Holidays.

Charges are: £4 per car; £6 per estate car or 4 x 4; £10 for a smaller trailer or van and £15 for a large trailer.

The County Council-run site off the roundabout opposite George Westwood Way closed as part of a £43 million budget cut. People said they would rather pay than lose their local site, but legally Suffolk County Council cannot charge for this service. Private businesses however, are able to and therefore Suffolk County Council liaised with Beccles Town Council to keep a local service running for the community, through B & B Skips.

For more information call :
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www.bbskips.co.uk



Pictured at the new Beccles Community Recycling Centre prior to opening are Sean Lake, Shirl and Steve Lake from B & B Skips, with Suffolk County Council Leader Mark Bee along with Lisa Chambers, Portfolio Holder for Waste. Tim Worthington-Chapman is also pictured who worked on the project on behalf of B & B Skips.



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BECCLES FRIDAY MARKET

Beccles Friday Market has been held in New Market for over 100 years and the present shops situated there were once market stalls. Beccles & District Regeneration Ltd leased the Market from Beccles Town Council in April 2007 when it was handed back to the Town from Waveney District Council. WDC had been running the market since the 1970s and it took a number of years to get it back in Council ownership. Since then Regenera-

tion Ltd have worked hard to encourage new traders to the market, but were restricted due to its size. Trial 'larger markets' were held which proved very successful and in 2008 a request for a permanent road closure was made. It has taken three years for all the supplementary work to be carried out, including consultations with both the public and the Council. On 26th August 2011 Suffolk County Council put in place a full road closure which has en-

abled the market to spread its wings. Today if you visit, you will find a larger and more vibrant market, bustling with people and full of diverse traders selling a range of goods such as fresh eggs, fish, plants, furniture, jewellery, cakes, ice cream, roast pork rolls with tea, a Pound Stall, ethnic clothes and Fair Trade gifts, bird food and photos of local scenes. Come along and browse on a Friday, taking in all that Beccles offers on the market and in the local shops.





THE MAY CENTRE AND THE 'MAY BUS'

The May Centre is a registered charity and was built in 1982. It was the project that year of the Mayor, Councillor Ken Markland, who realized a need for a day centre specifically for adults with disabilities, and with support of both the local council and the people of Beccles, raised money to achieve his vision.

The centre is located at the end of Common Lane South, adjacent to the Sports Centre and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 3.30pm.

ACTIVITIES

There are many activities at the centre including, painting, bowls, outings, pub meals, speakers attending, crafts, video/slide shows, quizzes, bingo, card

games and much more. As the centre is run through fund raising, events are held and bequests are made for grants whenever there is a specific project required.

The May Centre has a management committee which oversees the activities held at the centre. Meetings are held regularly with an Annual General Meeting each summer. All the committee members are volunteers.

The day to day activities and management are carried out by the organiser who has a team of helpers and drivers who are all volunteers.

There is a small charge made to outside organisations using the May Centre facilities primarily for people who have

disabilities.

THE MAY BUS

This is fully equipped with a lift and picks up the members in the morning and returns them to their homes at the end of the day. There is also a car service for the nearby villages. There is a small charge for this service.

The May Centre is always grateful for volunteers. If you would like to help, or know someone who could benefit from what the Centre offers, please contact The Chairman or Organiser on 01502 712173 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

If you just want to pop in and give us a look, just bring a sandwich or two and come and enjoy yourself.

BECCLIS PARKS SET FOR £60k IMPROVEMENTS

On 20th September 2011, representatives from Beccles Town Council, Waveney District Council and the Waveney Play Partnership met to strategically review play and open space and to agree the allocation of section 106 funds available for Beccles. Section 106 funding, for the improvement of play and open space, is obtained through developer contributions in the local area through Waveney District Planning to support the improvement of public spaces as residential development increases their demand.

At a presentation by the Play and Sport Development Chairman, District Councillor Chris Punt, gave an overview of what was on offer at various play and open spaces in Beccles, stating that "Looking at the distribution of play spaces in Beccles, there is a clear split between provision that serve the Northern half and those that serve the Southern half. The evaluation of the play spaces/provision evidenced that

the Southern serving play spaces currently provide much greater play value than those located in the North. The presentation enabled this information to be digested, scrutinised and discussed by all attending, which produced a strategically informed decision on fund allocation for improvements that would best serve Beccles children, young people and families."

Improvements will be made to the play area at Beccles Quay by providing challenging equipment for a wider age range, including toddlers. Also to be included within the improvements will be natural landscaped play elements at Waveney Meadow, a new millennium beacon at the Quay and improved play provision at The Common. The Skatepark is also included being provided with new obstacles and lastly, planting at Kilbrack Gardens.

Allocation for Phase 2 of Darby Park to the South of Beccles was also reiterated and confirmed, including im-

proved hard surface access from High Leas, new toddler equipment and 5-a-side goals.

Beccles Town Councillor Graham Catchpole said "It is intended that the improvements will start immediately, with all being complete and ready for use by Easter 2012. Great consideration has been given to the location and type of improvements to best suit the areas and boost FREE play opportunities for all children and young people living in Beccles. New provision will include multi-play units, natural play, landscaping, planting and a mega swing."

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DID YOU KNOW— IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 130,000 PEOPLE HAVE A 'STROKE' IN ENGLAND AND WALES EACH YEAR?

It is estimated that of these 130,000 people, 10,000 are under retirement age! **STROKE** accounts for 53,000 deaths each year. **STROKE** is the third most common cause of death in England and Wales, after heart disease and cancer. At least 450,000 people are severely disabled as a result of **STROKE** in England.

For your brain to function, it needs a constant blood supply, which provides vital nutrients and oxygen to the brain cells. A **STROKE** happens when the blood supply to part of the brain is cut off, damaging or killing brain cells. Strokes affect people in different ways, depending on the part of the brain that is affected, how widespread the damage is and how healthy the person was before the stroke. Strokes can damage

body functions, thought processing, ability to learn, feel and communicate. Strokes are sudden and have an immediate effect where a person may become numb, weak or paralysed on one side of the body. Their speech may slur and speaking and understanding speech is difficult. Some lose their sight or it becomes blurred and others may become confused or unsteady on their feet.

Recovering from a stroke takes time and about a third of people who have a stroke make a significant recovery within a month, but a large number of survivors will have long-term problems.

STROKE is always a medical emergency and it is important to be able to recognise the symptoms. You can recognise a

STROKE using the

F A S T method.

FACIAL weakness—Can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye drooped?

ARM weakness—can the person raise both arms?

SPEECH problems—can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?

TIME TO CALL 999

A speedy response can help reduce the damage to a person's brain and improve their chances of a full recovery. A delay in getting help can result in death or long-term disabilities.

Beccles Medical Centre Patient Participation Group

TWO BECCLES AIR CADETS—A JOURNEY OVERSEAS

Two 17 year olds, Sergeant Hannah Fryer and Sergeant Chloe Smithson, both from Beccles 759 Air Cadets, spent a week in Gibraltar on a camp with thirty-four other cadets.

They took part in a range of activities from climbing the 'Rock' to a tour around the World War II and Siege Tunnels, along with a boat trip to see the local Dolphins. Both enjoyed a day at a theme and water park and even took time to visit some of the Royal Air Force sections such as the Police Dogs, Fire section and others.

Although there were many outings, the cadets also had a great amount of free time to spend, which meant they could head down to the beach, or into the nearby town where they met up with some of the local young people.

Both girls thoroughly enjoyed their week at Devil's Tower Camp in Gibraltar and when asked if they would repeat the trip, they said "definitely" and would recommend it to other cadets.

The Squadron is always open to new recruits aged from 13-16 who would like to taste the adventure of what the Air

Cadets has to offer. For more information view [www .becclesaircadets.co.uk](http://www.becclesaircadets.co.uk) or e mail becclesatc@yahoo.co.uk. Alternatively pop into the Squadron HQ on any Friday evening between 7.00–10.30pm at the Drill Hall, Peddars Lane, Beccles NR34 9UE (01502 714000) or you can call CO Martin Dobson on 07889 616320 for more information on joining.



'GAS SAFETY' TIPS FROM SUFFOLK FIREFIGHTERS

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service are encouraging local residents to continue thinking about gas safety as the winter months draw closer. Over the last five years nearly 200 incidents involving gas appliances have been dealt with by Suffolk firefighters. With the cold months fast approaching and a temptation to switch on boilers and gas fires, this safety message is particularly significant.

Get your boiler/fire serviced in line with manufacturer's recommendations

Avoid drying clothes in front of gas fires or putting furniture too close

Stop storing items on top of your cooker which

might catch fire

Stop hanging tea towels on handles of cookers

Always ensure that spare cylinders are changed and stored safely outdoors if using a portable gas heater

Flues—ensure that external flues connected to your gas appliance has the correct space around it

Ensure the correct amount of ventilation around the house when using gas appliances

Take care when turning on the ring/grill/oven—make sure it's the one you want to cook with

You take chances? Fit a Carbon Monoxide detector in your house, it could save your life

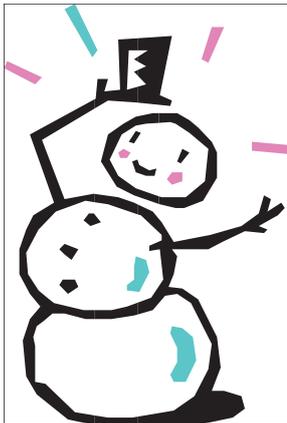
Councillor Colin Spence SCC Portfolio holder for Public Protection said; "We really need to highlight just how important it is for residents to take good care of any gas appliances in their homes to safeguard yourselves and your family. Badly fitted and poorly serviced gas appliances can cause leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning, which is a highly poisonous gas—you can't see it, taste it or smell it, but it can kill you, silently and quickly without warning."

Smell Gas? Ring the National Grid emergency number 0800 111 999

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 CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND
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THE FAUCONBERGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION—“To Encourage Learning”

The Fauconberge Educational Foundation, a registered Charity, came into being when the Fauconberge School closed in 1926. The School had provided education in Beccles since 1770, having been set up according to the will of Dr Henry Fauconberge, a Beccles resident and sometime chancellor of St David's Cathedral in Wales. The School had occupied a number of premises in the town, the last being St Mary's in Grange Road, a building still associated with children.

The land which had provided the School's income (consisting of an estate at Corton) was sold and the money invested to assist local parents of secondary-age children with educational costs.

Since the Foundation was established, several trustees have given particularly

long service, including Geoffrey Standing, a former headteacher of Sir John Leman High School, Fred Leah, a former Town Clerk of Beccles, who died recently, Dennis Hipperson, chairman until 2010 and Denys Simpson, clerk for many years and who is currently the longest-serving trustee.

Beneficiaries of the Foundation have included Martin Bell, broadcaster and Kim Easter, principal clarinetist of the Welsh Guards who played at Buckingham Palace on the day of Prince William's wedding. Kim, who attended Sir John Leman High School, has performed at a number of state occasions regularly playing for the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. She is looking forward to the premiere of a clarinet solo specially written for her by Jeffrey Wilson to perform with the Guards.

She has not forgotten the assistance of the Foundation saying 'The Fauconberge grant helped me a great deal with travel to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama which enabled me to move on to a degree at Trinity college of Music'.

Application forms for grants can be obtained from the Clerk Dr Barry Darch, 9 Waveney Road, Beccles NR34 9NW (barry@darch.plus.com). To qualify, applicants must live within 5 miles of Beccles Town Hall and aged between 11 and 18. Recent grants have supported student's education visits, equipment and music education. The Foundation has limited funds and donations would be gratefully received.